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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

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SCIENCE ATTACHE PASS WAYNE MILLS

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN - RIPLEY BHUTAN EXPEDITION

REF: CALCUTTA 1738

1. SECRETARY RIPLEY, WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS, ARRIVING NEW DELHI FROM ROME FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, AT 0305 BY AIR INDIA 106. LEAVE NEW DELHI FOR CALCUTTA SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, AT 1930 BY IAC 264. LEAVE CALCUTTA FOR BAGDOGRA MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, AT 1210 BY IACE 221. RIPLEYS PLAN VISIT THAILAND AND INDONESIA IN LATE NOVEMBER.

2. RIPLEYS HAVE ACCEPTED AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION STAY AT ROOSEVELT HOUSE. IN CALCUTTA HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL OBEROI GRAND.

3. RIPLEY WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT OFFICIAL CALLS IN NEW DELHI AND CALCUTTA EN ROUTE BHUTAN TO ASHOK MITRA, SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT GIRI.

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4. IN MEETING WITH ASSISTANCE SECRETARY SISCO SEPTEMBER 20

RIPLEY SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING MEET NEW DELHI PERSONAGES AT THE END OF HIS BHUTAN RESEARCH EXPEDITION AROUND THANKSGIVING IF THE AMBASSADOR DEEMED IT USEFUL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. NEW DELHI: CANCEL RESERVATIONS AT ASHOKA HOTEL. EXPEDITE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

B. CALCUTTA: CONFIRM RESERVATIONS HOTEL OBEROI GRAND.

C. SMI AUTHORIZES EMBASSY DISBURSE PER DIEM TO DR. RIPLEY FOR 14 DAYS AT ACTUAL SUBSISTENCE, EXPENSES FOR A TOTAL OF 616 US DOLS EQUIVALENT, DUE TO THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ASSIGNMENT AND 200 US DOLS EQUIVALENT FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES AND INTERAL TRAVEL; AND PER DIEM TO MRS RIPLEY FOR 14 DAYS AT 26 USDOLS EQUIVALENT AND 100 US DOLS EQUIVALENT FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES AND INTERAL TRAVEL, CHARGE 33X0102. RUSH

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